

PLAN FOR BUILDING

NEW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES IN WASHINGTON.

Would Mean Great Change in Pennsylvania Avenue—Citizens Object to Further Use of the Public Parks.

A marked change impends in the aspect of Pennsylvania avenue, the great street which bisects the nation of capital from Rock creek on the northwest to the Anacostia river on the southeast, then crosses that stream and climbs the hills beyond. This section of the avenue with which this story has to deal is that between the capitol and the treasury

—one mile and two hundred yards, writes J. Harry Shannon in the Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Consult a map of Washington city and note a large park of irregular shape beginning at the west end of the capitol grounds and extending westward more than a mile, joining the south side of the White House grounds. This is the Mall. The east end of the tree-grown and flower-decked tract is occupied by the National Botanic garden and to the west are the headquarters of the United States fish commission, the Army Medical museum, the National museum and the Smithsonian institution, the department of agriculture, the bureau of engraving and printing and the Washington monument. Obliquely, and to the northwest, runs Pennsylvania avenue from the Peace monument at one entrance to the capitol grounds, to the treasury building 15 squares away. Between the Mall and the great avenue are about 25 built-up blocks, traversed by three avenues—Missouri, Louisiana and Ohio—and streets, Third to Fifteenth and B and E inclusive.

It is an old plan to restore this truncated triangle, or trapezoid, if you will, to the public domain that the Mall may be extended to Pennsylvania avenue, and that federal buildings, as the government needs them, or as congress elects, shall be built along the south side of this great way in a setting of green gardens.

That the national government needs buildings in Washington is a fact. The building program authorized by congress has never kept pace with the need for buildings. Two of the executive departments—the department of commerce and labor and the department of justice—are housed in rented quarters and a list of government bureaus, divisions and offices in rented rooms would be tiresomely long.

A common policy of congress has been when the construction of a new public building was determined on, to select as its site one of the public parks, or a part of a public park. These "reservations," like the streets and avenues in the District of Columbia, are not owned by the city of Washington, but by the United States. The policy of setting up public structures in the city parks brought protest from the citizens of Washington, who see that this policy, if persisted in, would convert the park space in the city into building sites. The people of Washington on the whole consider beauty one of the assets of the city, and want the parks preserved as beauty spots and recreation centers. They object that the national government should treat the parks of the capital as vacant building lots.

Form of Love-Making Barred. Love-making on postal cards is in violation of the postal regulations of Russia.

Thirty Thousand Earthquakes. The latest recipient of a royal medal of the Royal society is Prof. John Milne, geologist and mining engineer in the service of the Japanese government for 20 years, and has traveled through Russia, Siberia, Mongolia, China, Korea, Manila, Borneo, Australasia and the United States. No man has rendered finer service in the furtherance of seismological science, and he is now engaged on a seismic survey of the world. At Shide Hill house, Newport, Isle of Wight, which rests on a solid bed of chalk, Prof. Milne has erected an instrument of his own devising, which makes automatic records by day and night of every serious earthquake anywhere in the world, and he has declared that there are about 30,000 every year, of which 100 are noteworthy.

Shows Advance of Progress. One hundred years ago it was considered a wonderful achievement for ten men to manufacture 48,000 pins in a day. Now three men make 7,500,000 pins in the same time.

EVERYTHING WAS FAVORABLE

SORRY HE DIDN'T MOVE TO WESTERN CANADA BEFORE.

Mr. Austin was a man who had never had any previous experience in farming, but Western Canada had allured him, and he profited. He got a low-rate certificate from a Canadian Government agent, and then moved. What he says is interesting:

"Ranfurly, Alberta, May 10-08. "J. N. Grieve, Esqr., Spokane, Washington.—Dear Sir: After a dozen or more years of unsuccessful effort in the mercantile business in Western Washington, in August, 1903, decided to come to Alberta with a gentleman who was shipping two cars live stock to Edmonton. I assisted this man with the stock over one hundred miles out in the Birch Lake Country, East of Edmonton. Indeed, how surprised, how favorably everything compared with my dream of what I wanted to see in a new country.

"Had never had any experience in farming, but I was immediately converted into a farmer. And from that moment I have prospered. Selecting a homestead near Birch Lake, I returned for wife and three small children and freighted out from Edmonton in March following year we shoveled a spot clear of snow and pitched our tent and commenced operations, at that time we had no neighbors. Four years have passed, the locality is well settled, two miles from railway station, with churches and schools, telephone and good road accommodations.

"We are enjoying the privileges granted to any rural district in Washington. The Birch Lake Country is no exception, this great transformation is rapidly going on in every district in Western Canada.

"I estimate that every quarter section in every direction is capable of producing a comfortable living for a family of ten forever. After paying for two horses and a cow, had just \$10.00 to go on. Did my first ploughing in my life. I was very awkward in my work, but nature was glad and I was abundantly paid for my efforts. Our cattle has increased to about fifty head, which was very profitable on account of the abundance of forage. To farm was compelled to buy about four hundred dollars' worth of farm machinery on time, and the payments fell due last fall, and you may wonder how I expected to pay for them when we had such a bad year. 'Twas a little bad for Western Canada or for a Missourian. But is not 35 or 40 bushels oats a pretty good yield per acre in many States? Then the price of grain went out of sight, so when I had sold my crop I found I was able to make my payments nicely, besides we had lots of feed. No one has any business raising cattle without growing grain, or vice versa. As to the winters, did not feed my cattle, excepting the calves, a fork of hay until in March. Have found the winters much more pleasant than we did in Western Washington. This is strange and hard to explain, but 'tis true, nevertheless, at 40 degrees below zero we have more comfort than you would at 20 degrees above, so still and dry—with bright, sunny days. My wife says that the only regret she has is that we did not come here ten years ago, as we would now certainly have been in a position to retire from hard work. Most women soon become satisfied as neighbors begin to come round them. Have 98 acres in crop this year, besides two acres potatoes, which have always brought me a fair price. We find a ready market for everything we produce. To the Poor Man—Here is a chance to establish yourself. To the Rich Man—Here is a chance to buy land for \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre which will produce more crops than a half dozen acres of your \$50.00 to \$75.00 per acre land. And if not very much mistaken, this year will prove an eye opener to those who are a little sceptical. The trouble with me is that I have so much to say so favorable to Alberta 'tis hard to be brief. Respectfully, (Signed) "P. S. AUSTIN."

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